

Reorganization and Sharing Incentives in Iowa Code Chapter 257 and Administrative Rules 281--97

	Regional Academies	Reorganization Taxpayer Incentive	Whole Grade Sharing Agreement (WGS)	Operational Function Sharing Agreement
Incentive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host district, the school district where the regional academy is located, receives a 0.1 weighting for the percentage of the school day that a resident student attends the regional academy. Minimum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 10 full-time pupils. Maximum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 15 full-time pupils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower uniform levy from \$5.40 to \$4.40. Levy increases over three years to \$4.90, \$5.15, and \$5.40. State aid replaces the reduction in property tax, does not increase nor decrease spending authority. May be incorporated with Whole Grade Sharing (WGS) incentive to reorganize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.1 Weighting for WGS arrangements for up to 3 years. Weighting for the 2nd and 3rd years are based on the SBRC reorganization progress report approval. If reorganize by July 1, 2014 eligible for 3 more years of weighting. (Total of 6 years.) Carryforward will be reduced by supplementary weighting (SW) added for any student whose residency is not within the reorganized district. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.02 Weighting for operational function sharing arrangements for up to 5 years. (LEA) Dollar amount (AEA) Weighting for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years based on the annual report of cost savings/increased student opportunities. Phase out of weighting/funding at 20% of original amount per year Minimum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 10 full-time pupils. Maximum weighting available to any one district is the equivalent of 40 full-time pupils. Minimum dollars available to any one AEA is \$50,000. Maximum dollars available to any one AEA is \$200,000
Timeline	Expires June 30, 2008	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2014	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2014	July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2013
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 9-12. Multiple districts, other than a whole-grade-sharing partner, must be sending students to the academy. Shall include advanced-level courses. May also include in its curriculum vocational-technical programs and/or a virtual academy program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective for reorganizations between 7/1/07 and 7/1/14. Enrollment of the school district affected by the reorganization or dissolution must be at or below 600 in the year proceeding reorganization. By January 1 of the calendar year in which the reorganization/dissolution will occur, certify to the Department of Education (DE) the date and nature of the action taken to reorganize/dissolve. Reorganize by July 1, 2014 to receive incentives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executes a WGS agreement with one or more other Iowa districts. Districts are contiguous. All of the boards involved in the WGS agreement adopt a joint resolution to study the question of reorganization or dissolution. The resolution must be adopted on or before October 1 in the year in which the district is claiming WGS SW. By January 1 of the calendar year in which the reorganization/dissolution will occur, certify to the DE the date and nature of the action taken to reorganize/dissolve. Must have been eligible to include WGS for SW in October in order to carry forward the reorganization incentive on July 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AEA or LEA. Shared operational functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Management Business Management Human Resources Transportation Operations and Maintenance Sharing partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Township County School Corporation/District Merged Area/Community college AEA Board of Regents Institution Any other Governmental Subdivision. Must be shared for at least 20% of time.

- Whole Grade Sharing Agreements must be signed by February 1st for the agreement to be effective for the following school year. (Iowa Code section 282.10)
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